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New claim 1 has been amended in a way as to underline the differences with respect to the prior art.

New claim 1 is identical to claim 1 of the European family member of present US application. The European related claim 1 has recently been accepted by the European Patent Office.

It is therefore believed that new claim 1 is new and not obvious..

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted